

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-17 were previously pending in the application and Claims 6, 9 and 10 were withdrawn.

Applicant has amended Claim 5 to correct a clerical error.

The Examiner rejected Claims 15-17 under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite. Applicant has amended Claim 15 to provide proper antecedent basis.

Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 12-17 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Elson (US 5,277,554) in view of Andrione (US 4,549,859). Applicant respectfully disagrees and requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Elson discloses a compressor mounting system including grommets (36, 80) including an elastomeric body (38, 82) and an elastomeric hat section (40, 84). Elson teaches that these elastomeric portions of the grommets are made from neoprene rubber. The elastomeric neoprene rubber grommets of Elson are similar to the embodiment recited in withdrawn Claim 10 of the present application. Withdrawn Claim 10 recites that the individual spring elements are bodies composed of an elastically deformable material. The elastomeric neoprene rubber grommets of Elson are an elastically deformable material. The present application was already subject to a Restriction Requirement (dated March 28, 2005) in which the Examiner acknowledged that the withdrawn embodiment with the elastically deformable material was patentably distinct from the elected embodiments. Therefore, based on the Examiner's previous comments, the claims of the elected species are patentably distinct from the elastomeric neoprene rubber grommets of Elson.

For these and other reasons, Elson and Andrione, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the subject matter defined by the elected claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 1-10 and 12-17 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,

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